

The Purpose of FBC . . .

Accept, love and challenge people with God's truth. We help any willing person reach his or her fullest potential to become radically Christ-like.

Bible Reading for the Week

December 25-Jude 1, II Peter 1-3
December 26-I John 1-5
December 27-II John 1, III John 1
December 28-Revelation 1-5
December 29-Revelation 6-11
December 30-Revelation 12-18
December 31-Revelation 19-22
January 1-Genesis 1-3

Birthdays

Rebecca Blum (12/25)
Sidney Tribiana (12/25)
Ralph Eggleston (12/26)
Laura McDonald (12/26)
Sherri Lucki (12/27)
Max Summers (12/27)
Grace Blum (1/1)

For Our Guests . . .

Welcome to First Baptist Church! We are so glad you have joined us this morning.

Guests . . If you would like to receive information or a brochure on FBC and any of its ministries, please stop by the Connections Center.

Also, please share any prayer or praises in the space provided on one of the orange Communication Cards located in the pew racks. Let us know how we can help you!



By giving to Faith Promise you help our missionaries spread the Gospel of Jesus around the world!

Visit our Website for more information on all our ministries:
<http://fbc-tempe.org>

For a complete listing of our Pastoral Staff and contact information, please visit our website at fbc-tempe.org.
You may also contact the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

Free Sermons

Want to listen to one of the sermons by Pastor Roger or one of the other FBC Pastors?

Free sermons by Pastor Roger and the other FBC Pastors are available to you on the FBC webpage at www.fbc-tempe.org.

Volunteer House Cleaners Needed at FBC

We are looking for a few good men and women who could help with some important tasks on our campus. We need help with:

- ✓ Vacuuming
- ✓ Cleaning windows,
- ✓ Landscape projects,
- ✓ Clean tables and chairs,
- ✓ Dusting for cob webs and
- ✓ Organizing several storage rooms.



If you would give a few hours to help with one or more of these projects, contact the Church Office at 480-839-0926.

Financial Update 2022

| General Giving | Last Week | YTD (12/18) |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Budget Plan | \$ 28,355 | \$ 1,445,520 |
| Giving (Donations) | \$ 14,471 | \$ 1,158,139 |
| | \$ -13,884 (Shortage) | \$ -287,381 (Shortage) |
| GF Expenses | \$ 39,588 | \$ 1,183,962 |
| Faith Promise | Last Week | YTD (12/18) |
| Budget Plan | \$ 1,045 | \$ 52,249 |
| Giving (Donations) | \$ 1,205 | \$ 44,842 |
| | \$ 160 (Overage) | \$ -7,407 (Shortage) |
| FP Expenses | \$ 00 | \$ 60,428 |

Legacy Cumulative Debt Reduction

| | Last Week | Since Jan 2019 |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Legacy Designated | \$ 350 | \$ 483,392 |

Please continue to give to help reduce our long-term Legacy debt of approximately \$749,653.00
On February 6, 2018, our debt was \$1,829,853.40.

How Do I Get Connected?

Do you want to meet and get to know the full-time Pastors, Children's Director, Women's Ministry Director and others? If so, you are invited to attend one of our "Welcome Lunches" as a guest of Pastor Roger and Diana. If you would like to attend our next Welcome Lunch please contact the Church Office by calling 480-839-0926.



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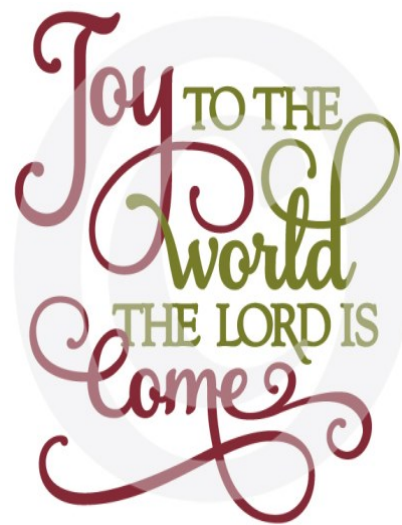
December 25, 2022

4525 S. McClintock Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282
480-839-0926
fbc-tempe.org
Dr. Roger Ball, Senior Pastor

Welcome to Worship

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)
Welcome and Announcements
Angels We Have Heard on High
Silent Night
Prayer
Message-Pastor Anthony Whitlatch
"Seventh Way to Poison Christmas -
Cancel the Miraculous"



CIRA 2022 Update

The Center for Islamic Research and Awareness (CIRA-a full-time ministry of FBC) is excited to provide you with this financial update for the period of January-February 2022.

Financial Need

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Annual Budget | \$ 126,770.00 |
| Giving-to-Date | \$ 127,723.00 |
| OVER Budget | \$ 953.00 |

On behalf of Al Fadi, Hanane and the CIRA ministry thank you for your kindness and your continued support. Your contributions enable them to serve HIM to advance the Gospel to Muslims here and throughout the world. For more information contact Al Fadi at alfadi@CIRAIInternational.com.
Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "CIRA."

Church Plant 2022 Update

The FBC Church Plant (10 minutes from FBC-Tempe) in Guadalupe (a ministry of FBC) is pleased to provide you a financial update for the period of January-February 2022.

Financial Need

| | |
|----------------|---------------|
| Annual Budget | \$ 150,000.00 |
| Giving-to-Date | \$ 46,098.00 |
| Under Budget | \$ 103,902.00 |

The FBC Church Plant in Guadalupe along with Peter and Trisha Molina, would like to say thank you for your support and contributions which enable them to serve HIM and share the Gospel with the people of Guadalupe. For more information regarding the Church Plant, you can contact Peter Molina at pmolina@fbc-tempe.org.
Make out all checks to FBC earmarked "Church Plant."

This Week at FBC

Sunday, December 25

11:00 am-Alternative Contemporary Worship



Consider These

*"Americans are especially vulnerable to an appeal that says, 'Give us your dollars, but not your sons and daughters.' If we do that, missionary vision will die within a generation, and the dollars will also eventually stop."
(Roger Hudlund, Author)*

*"I believe with all of my heart that God's people possess God's provision to accomplish and fulfill God's purposes in the world."
(Joel Vestal, Founder of ServLive International)*

Reflect

A main focus for your giving should be your local church and ministry staff . . .

- ✓ I Corinthians 9:11-14 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? . . . Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.
- ✓ I Corinthians 9:10 Christian workers should be paid by those they help. Those who do the plowing and threshing should expect some share of the harvest.

Safety and Security



For the safety and security of everyone, your backpack or bag may be inspected. Thanks for your cooperation!

FBC Window Decals

FBC car window decals are still available for purchase. All proceeds from these go to Faith Promise to support our FBC Missionaries and Short-Term Mission Trips. If you have any questions regarding these, contact David Brinn.



Visit our Website for more information on all our ministries:
<http://fbc-tempe.org>

Library News

Christmas Books and DVD's are out and on the shelves of the FBC Library!

Stop by and check it out!



FBC Bible Classes

8:00 am

Messenger Class-Room 107/108
(Couples and Singles, 50's-70's)

9:30 am

Nursery-

Birth through 23 Months Old Children's Classes-Kid City
(2 Years through 6th Grade)

Ladies Class-Room 104
(Ladies Only)

Men's Class-Room 105
(Men Only)

Truth Seekers-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

JHM (Junior High)-Room 207
(Junior High Ages 12-14)

HSM (High School)-Room 207
(High School Ages 14-18)

11:00 am

Nursery-

Birth through 23 Months Old Children's Classes-Kid City
(2 Years through 6th Grade)

The Hood-Room 107/108
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Journeys-Room 106
(Couples and Singles All Ages)

Online Donation

Why not consider signing up for electronic giving. FBC relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give once or on a recurring basis. To give electronically, visit www.fbc-tempe.org and locate the link to the electronic giving page.

Help FBC Meet Its Budget

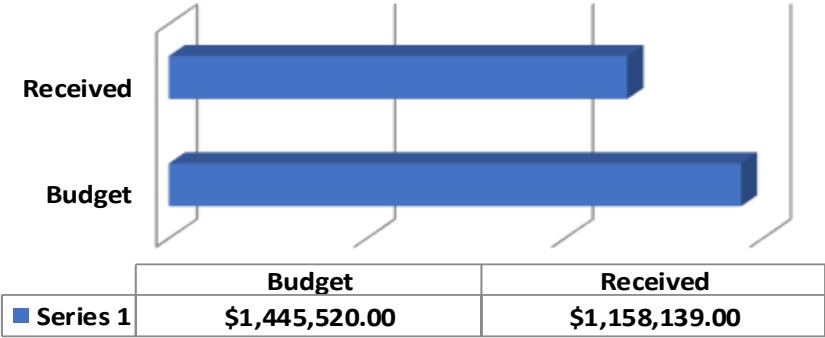
We appreciate your faithful giving to FBC and its ministries.

God is doing many good things at our church. Pray for the economy in America.

We need \$28,355.00 each week to meet our budget.

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|---------------------------|
| YTD Money Needed |
| \$1,445,520.00 |
| YTD Money Received |
| \$1,158,139.00 |
| UNDER Budget |
| \$-287,381.00 |

2022 General Fund Giving



Sunday Lunch in the MAC

Your donations at the food line in the wood boxes help greatly to cover the cost of each meal

December 25 – No Lunch

January 1 – No Lunch



Faith helps us walk fearlessly,
run confidently and
live victoriously.



(Birth through

6th Grade)

Preschool and Kindergarten

Bible Story:

Bible Point:

Elementary

9:30 am Bible Story:

11:00 am Bible Story:

Extraordinary Blessings / Special Needs

Bible Story:

Our goal is to partner with parents in teaching children to see and experience the world through the lenses of our beliefs.

Our desire is for them to have a biblical worldview instead of a secular worldview. Our worldview influences everything in our lives. We want our children to know that God's Word is the foundation for our lives and is the standard we use to judge every thought and action. Our Bible is perfect and true. If we use it as our foundation, it will guide us and change our lives.

Kid City Prayer Request for the Week:

Pray that Kid City is a place . . .

Where laughter and warm smiles bear witness to the welcoming, loving God that we all know.

Awana Clubs

Sunday Evenings from 5:45 to 7:15 pm
3-years-old – 6th Grade



December 25 – Christmas Break
January 1 – New Year's Break

“TOT TOWN”



FREE New Indoor Play Area in Kid City!

Ages – Birth to 5 years old with attending parent

When – First and Third Thursdays of each month
from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where – FBC Kid City Preschool

Call your friends, bring your tots and meet up with new friends for some great play time. This is an amazing NEW community space, which includes bounce houses, imagination play, doll houses, an indoor playground and more! Contact the Church Office for more information.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 14, 2023

7:50 to 10:00 am



You will get to:

- Meet – Know – Pray for Other Men
- Enjoy an Excellent Breakfast
- Join Other Men in Lifting Up Jesus
- Develop New and Lasting Friendships
- Worship
- Discover Special Events for Men

**Sign-up today at the Men's Ministry Table
in Skylight Hall – Don't miss it!**



All Church Hike

Date and Time – Saturday, January 7, 6:00 to 10:00 am

Location – Bursera Loop Trail – South Mountain
(Moderate – 4 Miles – 826 Feet Elevation)

Bring: water, snacks, layers and a flashlight

Take in the morning sunrise as we hike up the south side of South Mountain. After the hike we will enjoy a bagel near a lake filled with ducks, fish and turtles.

For more information, contact Adam Bachman at
480-363-5570 or at ajbachman7@hotmail.com



Online Giving

Have you ever considered using online donations to make your contributions to FBC?

Online Giving . . .

- Helps you plan your offerings as a percentage of your income (I Corinthians 16:2).
- Is easy, convenient and secure.
- Supports the ministry program at FBC, just like your plate offerings do.

Would you like to give online? Go to the FBC webpage at www.fbc-tempe.org and click on "Donations" and follow the directions.

If you need assistance contact Pam Rosendale at 480-839-0926.



Serving Helpers and Cooking Helpers Needed

- ***Serving Help is needed in Skylight Café*** on Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***Serving Help is needed at Lunch in the MAC*** on Sundays at 12:00 pm – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***A Cooking Assistance is needed on Sundays for Lunch Preparation*** – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926
- ***Individuals are needed to help Wash Dishes on Sundays following Lunch*** – Contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2394 or at the Church Office at 480-839-0926



Invite Someone To Worship

Family, Friends, Neighbors, Co-Workers

Help Send a Kid to Church Camp



Investing in a Child's Future is a Sure Bet!

Would you be willing to give \$20.00, \$50.00, or \$100.00

to help a 4th – 6th grader attend Winter Camp?

Camp provides spiritual growth opportunities,
builds community and is crazy fun!

Please contact Sharmon Steil at 480-839-0926

or at fbcchildren@fbc-tempe.org for more information!



Help FBC With Your Year-End Donations

Help FBC reduce the deficit, pay our bills and reach our budget goal. You can give through online giving, through your local bank or by writing a check and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. Your year-end giving is greatly appreciated.

To be able to declare your end-of-year gifts for 2022, and in accordance with IRS rules:

1. All checks need to be dated no later than December 31, 2022,
2. If hand carried to FBC, your gifts need to be in the church's possession on or before 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 31, 2022,
3. If sent through the mail, your gifts need to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2022 and
4. If you use online giving your gifts must be dated no later than December 31, 2022.



Women's Ministries helps create opportunities for women to grow in their relationship with Jesus, to make healthy and safe connections with other women of faith, and to use their God given talents to benefit the church body and the community.

Sign-up at the Women's Ministry Table to receive an email reminder on all activities and events.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Dates – January 10 – April 25 (No Spring Break)

Time - 9:00 – 11:30 am in Room 118

We are excited to welcome back Sue Jones. She will be teaching on the ***Fruit of the Spirit ~ Cultivating Christlike Character***. You can purchase the book on Amazon for \$7.99 or find it at your favorite Christian bookstore.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Dates – January 19 – March 2

Time – 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Room 104

The Gospel on the Ground ~ Join us for another study by Kristi McLelland.

You can purchase the study book on Amazon for \$24.99
which includes video access

Mindelle Will will lead in homework discussion time,
and we will learn from Kristi via her DVD series.

Feel free to bring your beverage and dinner
during this fun time with friends!



Skylight Café . . .

Skylight Café will be closed on
Sunday, December 25

Skylight Café will be open on Sunday, January 1,
for the 9:30 and 11:00 am Services



GriefShare Support Group In-Person or Online

Help and encouragement
following the death of a loved one

Loss of a Spouse (via Zoom)

Thursday, January 5, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, January 29, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

GriefShare Weekly Seminars –

Sunday, February 5, through May 7 (via Zoom or in person on request)

For registration information, contact Teresa Kovac
at 732-319-5533 or visit www.Griefshare.org



Walk to Bethlehem Needs YOU

***DISMANTLE on Monday and Tuesday,
January 9 and 10, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm***
and store it away for another season.



LOTS of volunteers with helpful hands are needed. Bring a battery charged drill if you have one and a pair of gloves.



Lunch will be provided.

Please stop by the table in the
foyer area or RSVP to

Pastor Roger at rb618@cox.net
if you are available to help.

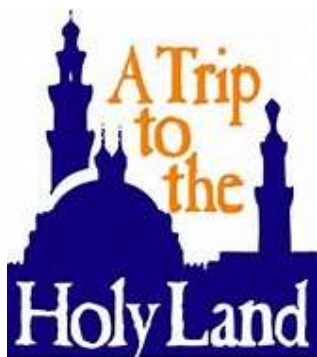
Can We Count on YOU!!

Yes, I plan to help to dismantle Walk to Bethlehem on Monday and Tuesday, January 9 and 10, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Name _____

Email Address _____

***Tear off and place in the offering plate or
contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2395 for more information.***



Experience the Trip of a Lifetime . . .

Pastor Roger and Dianna would like to invite you to join them for a ten-day trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land – March 6-16, 2024.

The Holy Land is a truly unique place and the scriptures will come alive as you visit

the places you have read about in God's Word. You will visit the **Village of Nazareth**, ride on a boat on the **Sea of Galilee**, be baptized in the **Jordan River**, visit the **Mt. of Olives**, walk the streets of the **City of Jerusalem** plus visit the **Western Wailing Wall**.

***Upcoming
Trip to Israel***
March 6-16, 2024

There is no other place quite like the Holy Land in the entire universe. It is the birthplace of the Savior of the world and the only place where Jesus lived and ministered to people.

If this is something that you would like to do, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering plate.

☐ **Yes, I/We are interested in visiting the Holy Land with Pastor Roger and Dianna**

Signed _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

For more information tear off this form

and drop it in the offering plate.



Our Information is Incomplete Without YOU!

*It is time to update the information in our
FBC Data Base and we want to include you.
Please fill out the information below and drop
it in the offering plate.*

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Birthdate _____

Children's Names and Birth Dates _____

Wedding Anniversary _____

Are you a:

____ Visitor

____ Regular Attender

____ Member



**Will you help FBC Raise
\$287,381.00
by December 31 to Make
General Fund Budget!**

**Your donation is important to help us raise
\$287,381.00 by December 31 to meet our budget!
Everyone's donation, large or small, is important!**

Here are a few reasons for giving now:

- FBC is in the process of launching a new church plant to advance John 3:16 into Guadalupe, Our Church Plant Pastor is Peter Molina. Please pray for Peter and his wife, Trisha.
- Several adults from our church are attending and growing as students for Jesus at Phoenix Seminary.
- Walk to Bethlehem each night is receiving hundreds of grateful visitors as they see and hear Luke 2:1-21, the birth story of Baby Jesus.
- Many churches have drastically reduced their support for missionaries due to the decrease in donations.
- Our children and our youth are faithfully taught Bible truth each week.
- Outreach and assistance continue each week to families, the homeless, singles and the elderly.
- Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry are advancing Jesus in many many ways.
- Your donations are an investment in the Kingdom of God. Together through our donations and gifts we worship, equip and share love and compassion with a changing world that desperately needs Jesus Christ and the values taught in the Bible.

**First Baptist
is at a very important point in its life
and this challenge is before each one of us.**

Praising God in December

1. A young adult, who lives in the neighborhood behind the church, recently turned to Pastor Anthony for advice and counsel about recent life difficulties. He doesn't have a history with God or church, but he believes God must exist and he has lots of questions about what would be honoring to God and what the Bible says about how to live. Pastor Anthony enjoys meeting with him regularly, working at answering his questions, and building a relationship with him. His heart is open. Pray he will have eyes to see God and ears to hear Him. Pray for God to open this young adult's eyes to the truth of the Gospel.



2. We are praising God for several new families who have joined our Worship Ministry team serving in our Choir and Orchestra.



3. Pray for and come to our Worship Ministry Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 11, at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend to come with you and enjoy a time of fellowship and eating cookies.

4. Pray for the presentation of our "first" Easter Concert here at FBC in April 2023. Talk to Pastor Rob about how you can be a part of this.

5. God recently made it possible for Pastor Scott to be at Grace Christian Academy to minister to middle school students.

6. God also opened the door for Pastor Scott to teach and lead worship at one of the chapels held at Grace Christian Academy with plans for another one.

7. The youth (and others) washed more cars on Compassion Day this year than the past several years.



8. One of our high school seniors is preparing for an overseas mission trip to Kenya.

9. Our Youth Worship Team recently led worship for a 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service and is continuing to develop their skills.

10. This year Pastor Scott has stepped into leadership of a local youth pastor network to help support, encourage, and foster longevity in ministry amongst youth pastors

11. The youth Christmas Party was a success and brought several new students on campus.

12. Our church is planning on hosting a combined youth group event with several other local churches in the Spring of 2023.



13. Our Youth Room now has a new LED sign to help welcome new and current students. Take a trip upstairs and check it out.

14. The Fall Holiday Concert and Pie Social were a success. Lots of home-made pies were enjoyed served by our Deacons.

15. Our youth group has the honor of being one of the last groups to attend Prescott Pines Camp this winter before the camp is sold.



16. The Father-Child Campout this fall was a meaningful time for four fathers and their sons.

17. Several students have started volunteering in the Cafe Ministry

18. Several Junior High, High School, and College students continue to serve as leaders and helpers in both Kid City and Awana.

19. This fall, our youth gave an offering of over \$250.00 to bless a missionary overseas.



Would You Invest in Young Families?

We need two or three individuals to watch children for the Young Families Small Group every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at FBC beginning in January.

☐ YES, I would like to invest in our Young Families

☐ I can help one time each month OR

☐ I can help two times each month



Name

Email Address

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contact Pastor Anthony at 480-766-2395 for more information.

**Video and audio services and messages are being
live streamed at 9:30 and 11:00 am and 6:00 pm Sundays at
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchTempe>**



**Pastor Roger's sermons and other FBC Pastors
can be heard for free on our website
at www.fbc-tempe.org.**

Sunday Mornings Messages

**January 1 – “Truth Will Prevail”
(Ezekiel 33:21-33)**

**Pastor Matthew Downs (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

**January 8 – “Wisdom and Knowledge Cannot Save”
(Ezekiel 34:1-31)**

**Pastor Matthew Downs (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

**January 15 – “Restoration of the Land – In Jesus”
(Ezekiel 35:1-36:15)**

**Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

**January 22 – “Restoration of the Holiness of God – in Jesus”
(Ezekiel 36:16-38)**

**Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)**

Sunday Evening Messages

December 25 – No PM Service

January 1 – No PM Service

**January 8 – “Faithful – Always Faithful”
(Romans 3:1-4) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**January 15 – “Faithful – The Ends Justify the Means”
(Romans 3:5-8) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“Cancel the Miraculous”

December 25, 2022
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Luke 2:1 – Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.

Luke 2:2 – This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Luke 2:3 – And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.

Luke 2:4 – Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

Luke 2:5 – in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

Luke 2:6 – While they were there, the days were accomplished for her to give birth.

Luke 2:7 – And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:8 – In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9 – And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

Luke 2:10 – *But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news and great joy which will be for all the people;*

Luke 2:11 – *for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:12 – *“This will be a sign for you; you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”*

Luke 2:13 – *And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

Luke 2:14 – *“Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”*

Luke 2:15 – *When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherd began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.”*

Luke 2:16 – *So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.*

Luke 2:17 – *When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.*

Luke 2:18 – *And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.*

Luke 2:19 – *But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.*

Luke 2:20 – *The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.*

Luke 2:21 – *And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.*

Obvious Miracles

- 1. Angels _____
- 2. Angels _____
- 3. Angels _____

Not So Obvious Miracles

- 1. _____ fulfilled
- 2. _____
- 3. Successful _____
- 4. _____ became _____
- 5. Supernatural _____

Did I Miss Any!?! _____

**If We Take the Miraculous Out of Life,
We Will Consistently Struggle
to See or Hear God**